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1. WE NOTE THAT TURKISH PERMREP HAS RAISED THE SUBJECT
OF FLANK SECURITY IN THE COUNCIL AND STATED THAT THE ALLIANCE
SHOULD EXAMINE MORE THOROUGHLY THIS ISSUE (PARA 10, REF A).
TURKISH SPC REP HAS STATED THAT TURKS DID NOT INTEND TO STUDY
FLANK SECURITY AT THIS TIME OR USE IT AS A CRITERION FOR
JUDGING STABILIZING MEASURES, ALTHOUGH TURKS ARE PUZZLED ABOUT
HOW US INTENDED TO FIT FLANK SECURITY INTO AMS
FRAMEWORK (PARA 6, REFB).

2. WE SEE NO REASON WHY THE ASSOCIATED MEASURES GUIDANCE
SHOULD NOT CONTAIN A PROVISION REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF
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FLANK SECURITY AND OF THE ALLIED POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT.
IF WASHINGTON CONCURRED WITH SUCH AN APPROACH, THE TURKS
COULD BE INFORMED OF IT.

3. HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF STUDIES OR NEW
NAC GUIDANCE, THE MBFR WORKING GROUP HAS ALREADY THOROUGHLY
STUDIED THE SUBJECT OF FLANK SECURITY (AC/276-D(74)2 AND

EARLIER), AND AT TURKISH INSISTANCE THE NAC ADOPTED RELATIVELY
EARLY IN THE NEGOTIATION THE ALLIED POSITION ON FLANK SECURITY,
WHICH NAC GUIDANCE REQUIRED THE AHG TO PRESENT TO THE EAST
AS "THE ALLIED POSITION" ON THIS SUBJECT (C-M(75)42). THIS
NAC GUIDANCE MOREOVER REQUIRED THE AHG TO INFORM THE EAST
THAT IN DUE COURSE THE WEST WOULD PRESENT THE EAST A TREATY
LANGUAGE TEXT OF AN AGREEMENT PROVISION BASED ON THE "ALLIED
POSITION" ON THIS SUBJECT. THUS WE SEE NO REASON WHY THE ALLIES
SHOULD UNDERTAKE NEW STUDIES IN THIS AREA, OR WORK ON AN
ALTERNATIVE ALLIED POSITION ON FLANK SECURITY UNLESS TURKEY
EXPLAINS CLEARLY WHAT IT HAS IN MIND.DEAN

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